OSGi Overview
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What is the OSGi Technology?

- **OSGi is a Standardized Software Execution Environment**
  - Component based module system defined in Java
  - Open Standard defined by the OSGi Alliance
  - Service oriented & remotely managed (OMA & TR-69)
  - Works like an operating system for small applications called Bundles
  - Ideal for a home gateway, IoT gateway, or similar equipment
The OSGi Alliance

- The OSGi Alliance is worldwide, non-profit consortium
- Creates and controls the OSGi Specifications
- The OSGi Technology is used in a wide range of open source projects and commercial products for IoT, cloud, and enterprise markets.

- OSGi Alliance members include:
The OSGi Alliance?

Founded in 1999

Proven, Mature Software Architecture

Transparent Development Process

Strategic Partnerships/Collaboration

Global Ecosystem

Best Practices

Industry & End User Adoption
OSGi Alliance Deliverables

• To foster a valuable cross-industry ecosystem, the OSGi Alliance delivers:
  • Specifications
  • Reference Implementations
  • Test Suites
  • Certifications

We are proud to be a democratic, collaborative, and non-profit organization that is operating in a fully transparent environment and open to everyone to join and contribute.
Real world example of a bus fleet system based on OSGi

- An example of a bus fleet system based on Makewave’s OSGi Technology
  - Knopflerfish OSGi edge device stack
  - UbiCore - a remote management system for edge devices
- ~5 000 buses, edge bus having ~5 edge devices running OSGi.
System Architecture - bus fleet

All buses are equipped with one or more OSGi based on-board computers / devices. Each OSGi platform has a management agent which connects it to Ubicore.
System Architecture - bus fleet

- Every bus has one or more on-board computers that has an embedded OSGi platform (Knopflerfish)
- The on-board computers are connected to the in-vehicle network (FMS)
- The on-board computers are connected to each other (in-vehicle IP)
- Every on-board computer has an OSGi management agent. The agent is responsible for the connection to Ubicore and performs mgmt tasks decided by Ubicore.
- All business logic is implemented as OSGi bundles. The business logic bundles are all managed via Ubicore.
- The business logic bundles sends / receives data directly to/from its corresponding back-end server. I.e. the IP traffic is not routed via Ubicore.
- The Ubicore server is part of the complete back-end server infrastructure. It is integrated with other parts via a REST API.
OSGi is an embedded integration platform

- OSGi provides a sandbox in which bundles exist and exchange data.
- An API layer is provided to the Application Logic
- The Service is logically using a device, but physically abstracted
Inside one vehicle

Communication gateway

Driver Console

Validators

Back-end / Cloud

Ubicore

Tracking Server

Validation Server

OSGi on-board
Knopflerfish

Bundle Cache

Agent

FMS

OSGi on-board
Knopflerfish

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Agent
Benefits with an OSGi solution

• Clear separation between business logic (implemented as OSGi bundles) and lower lever parts device code (C/C++).

• Uniform architecture - exactly the same business logic bundles can be used regardless of on-board computer architecture (ARM, X86). No need to recompile, or support different versions.

• Remotely Managed and Flexible - it is very easy to add, remove or update functionality in the business logic layer over time.
Thank you!

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